

DETAILED ACTION***Allowable Subject Matter***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention pertains to a device that specifically requires a multi-layer seat pad for a cyclist garment. It is the examiner's opinion that the art of record considered as a whole, alone, or in combination, neither anticipates nor renders obvious a multi-layer seat pad having an inner, outer and middle layers, where the middle layer is fixed to at least one of the inner and outer layers such that the middle layer is immovable relative to the respective inner and outer layer. It is noted that the term "fixed" is defined by the applicants specification as being "temperature bonded, high frequency fusion bonded, affixed together by use of an ultrasound gun, adhered together with an adhesive such as glue etc. (Specification page 14, paragraph 61)."

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

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